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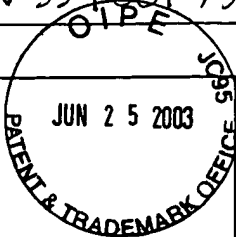
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**AMENDMENT**

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Attorney Docket	BERK-005
First Named Inventor	Liu et al.
Application Number	09/721,543
Filing Date	November 21, 2000
Group Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	Q. Nguyen
Title: "Polynucleotide Ligands as Antiviral Agents"	

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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